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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Re: U.S Patent Application  
Invention: Pipette with Multiple Sealing Zones  
Inventors: AL-MAHAREEQ, Kassab  
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Application No.: 10/693,389  
Filed: 27, October 2003  
Examiner: NAGPAUL, Jyoti  
Art Unit: 1743

Dear Examiner Nagpaul:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Office action of 19 June 2007.

The Examiners stated that the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The examiner further indicated the opinion that claim 4 is generic, while claims 1, 2 and 3 are different species.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects species 2, which is directed to pipette shaft for having tips of specific dimensions.

Applicant further advises the Examiner that this election is made with traverse, because claims 1-3 simply include the limitation of specific dimensions with respect to different aspects of the elements of the invention. For these reasons, the species in claims 1-3 are not patentably distinct.

Applicant respectfully submits that his application should proceed to examination of all 4 claims and allowance of said claims is respectfully requested.

Should any further issues remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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